

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0463

A.S. Cooper House

16534 Trenton Road

Upperco, Baltimore County

1855 ca.

Private

The A.S. Cooper House, constructed circa 1855, is representative of the type and style of stone dwellings constructed in the small milling village of Trenton in the mid- to late 19th century and dates to the only significant period of growth in the community. As late as 1850, the village of Zoucksville included only a gristmill, sawmill, and store, all of which were operated by John C. and George Zouck. Additionally, William Brooks had a residence to the north of the mill along Piney Run. Between 1850 and 1877, the name of the village had changed from Zoucksville to Trenton and Trenton Road, the main route through the community, had been extensively developed with residences, barns, and other buildings needed for the survival of a small milling town. The A.S. Cooper House dates to this period of Trenton's growth. From A.S. Cooper, the dwelling then passed to Shellman M. Cooper. The village did not grow significantly through the early 20th century.

The A.S. Cooper House is a two-and-a-half-story, four-bay-wide dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction with a random ashlar façade. Two bays of the four-bay-wide house are two bays deep, while the remaining two bays are only one bay deep. The building features a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal and a full-width, two interior end stretcher bond brick chimneys, and a wraparound porch with a standing-seam metal-clad roof supported by square wood posts on a stretcher bond brick foundation. Two sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood doors with boarded transoms and six 6/6 windows with molded wood surrounds and square-edged wood sills pierce the façade, or south elevation. Two one-story, wood frame additions clad in asbestos shingles with shed roofs clad in standing seam metal project from the double-pile section of the house. A circa 1900 one-story, one-bay-square wood frame privy clad in beaded vertical board is located to the north of the house. The building sits on a parged stone foundation and features a front gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. One beaded vertical board single-leaf wood door pierces the façade. The shed, which dates to circa 1900, features a German-sided wood frame structural system, side gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal, and a solid random rubble stone foundation. One flush vertical board single-leaf wood door and one six-light fixed window, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds, pierce the façade.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0463

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic A.S. Cooper House

other

2. Location

street and number 16534 Trenton Road not for publication

city, town Upperco vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Paul R. and Norma P. Shaffer

street and number 16534 Trenton Road telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber Not Available folio Not Available

city, town Towson tax map 25 tax parcel 112 tax ID number 0519032075

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

7. Description

Inventory No. BA-0463

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1855, the A.S. Cooper House is a two-and-a-half-story, four-bay-wide dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction with a random ashlar façade. Two bays of the four-bay-wide house are two bays deep, while the remaining two bays are only one bay deep. The building features a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal and a full-width, two interior end stretcher bond brick chimneys, and a wraparound porch with a standing-seam metal-clad roof supported by square wood posts on a stretcher bond brick foundation. Two sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood doors with boarded transoms and six 6/6 windows with molded wood surrounds and square-edged wood sills pierce the façade, or south elevation. Two one-story, wood frame additions clad in asbestos shingles with shed roofs clad in standing seam metal project from the double-pile section of the house.

A circa 1900 one-story, one-bay-square wood frame privy clad in beaded vertical board is located to the north of the house. The building sits on a parged stone foundation and features a front gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. One beaded vertical board single-leaf wood door pierces the façade.

The shed, which dates to circa 1900, features a German-sided wood frame structural system, side gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal, and a solid random rubble stone foundation. One flush vertical board single-leaf wood door and one six-light fixed window, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds, pierce the façade.

8. Significance

Inventory No. BA-0463

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1855 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1855 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The A.S. Cooper House, constructed circa 1855, is representative of the type and style of stone dwellings constructed in the small milling village of Trenton in the mid- to late 19th century and dates to the only significant period of growth in the community. As late as 1850, the village of Zoucksville included only a gristmill, sawmill, and store, all of which were operated by John C. and George Zouck.¹ Additionally, William Brooks had a residence to the north of the mill along Piney Run.² Between 1850 and 1877, the name of the village had changed from Zoucksville to Trenton and Trenton Road, the main route through the community, had been extensively developed with residences, barns, and other buildings needed for the survival of a small milling town.³ The A.S. Cooper House dates to this period of Trenton's growth. From A.S. Cooper, the dwelling then passed to Shellman M. Cooper.⁴ By 1881, Trenton's population had reached 75, and the village included a public school, Methodist Episcopal Church, United Brethren Church, and a Lutheran Church. The Independent Order of Mechanics also established a lodge in the village.⁵ The village continued to maintain only these few buildings and did not grow significantly through the early 20th century. The 1915 county atlas indicates confirms this lack of growth.⁶ Trenton has retained its late 19th century character into the 21st century.

¹ Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 187.

² J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

³ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁴ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

⁵ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 869.

⁶ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. BA-0463

- Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland.* Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.
Baltimore County Historic Inventory.
Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County.* Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.
Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.
Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men.* Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.
Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1855, the A.S. Cooper House has been associated with the 1.3 acres known as tax parcel 112 of map 25 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

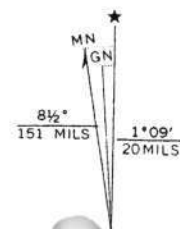
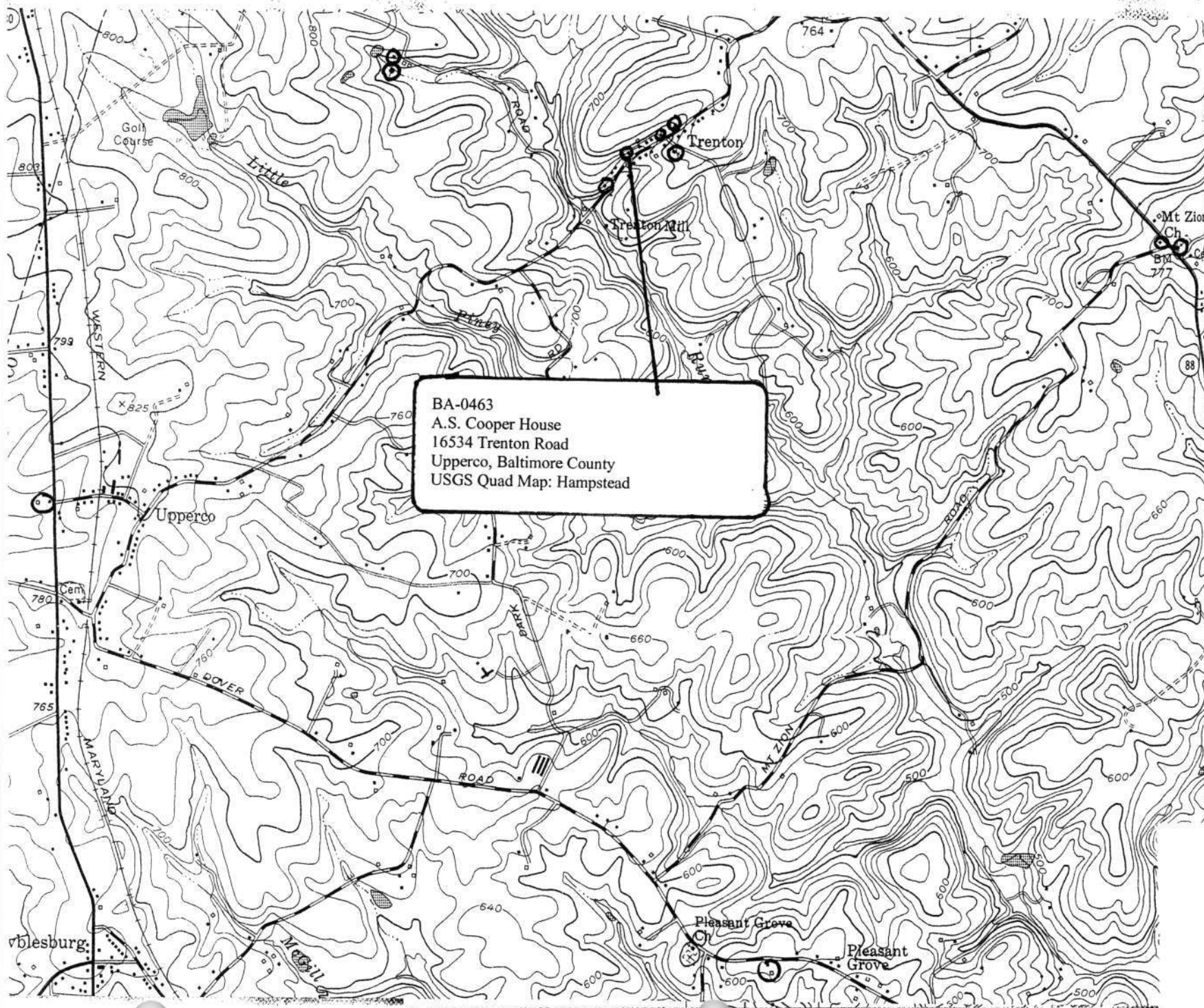
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 8, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



UTM GRID AND 74 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION CENTER OF SHEET



BA-0463
16534 TRENTON ROAD
UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD
TRAILERIES

4/2001
MD-SHRO
SE CORNER

1 of 2



BA 0463
16534 TRENTON ROAD
UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD
TRACERIES

4/2001
MD-5100
NW CORNER
2 of 2

BA-463

A.S. COOPER HOUSE - Before 1877 - North side of Trenton Road, 0.2 mile east of Trenton Mill Road. Apparently the A.S. Cooper house shown in 1877 inset map of Trenton Village. Shown as Shellman M. Cooper's in 1918 tax ledger. Stone house, 3 bays wide, gable roof of aluminum, vernacular style. Full width front porch. One-story wing to northeast. Owner: Paul R. Shaffer.